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(Information as of 1200 EST, 10 December 1964)

UNITED NATIONSPage**TRUCE POSTPONES SHOWDOWN OVER ARTICLE 19 ISSUE****1**

The US-Soviet agreement to avoid a showdown, however, depends on cooperation from all UN members in avoiding any General Assembly vote through much of December as negotiations to solve the financing issue continue.

THE COMMUNIST WORLD**SOVIET BUDGET AND ECONOMIC PLAN FOR 1965****2**

Incomplete reports on the 1965 Soviet budget and plan suggest that the orientation of the economy will remain essentially unchanged, but that some modifications are being made in favor of the consumer.

**EAST GERMANY REVIEWS ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL POLICIES****4**

In their first publicized party conclave since Khrushchev's ouster, East German leaders sought to convey an image of confidence and stability, but few of them tried to gloss over the regime's chronic weaknesses.

**CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND USSR ISSUE CAUTIOUS COMMUNIQUE****5**

A modus vivendi governing future Czechoslovak-Soviet relations seems to have been worked out during Antonin Novotny's visit to Moscow last week.

**NORTH VIETNAM CLAIMS TERRITORY IN LAOS CORRIDOR****6**

A current North Vietnamese map claims several parts of Laos, including areas hit in recent air strikes and some of the Ho Chi Minh trail.

**PEIPING SEEKS CLOSER TIES IN SOUTHEAST ASIA****7**

Foreign Minister Chen Yi's recent meetings with government leaders in Cambodia, Indonesia, and Burma are part of Communist China's campaign to gain influence through more frequent high-level political contacts abroad.

**COMMUNIST CHINA'S 1964 FOREIGN AID PROGRAM****8**

Peiping has offered a record \$255 million in economic aid to free world countries so far this year, most of it to Africa and the Middle East.

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**THE TOP MILITARY MEN IN COMMUNIST CHINA**

Peiping in the past five years has replaced advocates of professionalism among its military leaders with party stalwarts unquestionably loyal to Mao Tse-tung. The military qualifications of these party watchdogs are not impressive. They are getting old and some are in poor health, but suspicious party leaders are reluctant to promote younger men into the top military ranks. (Published separately as Special Report OCI No. 0361/64A)

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**THE SITUATION IN SOUTH VIETNAM**

The tempo of fighting has picked up, but political pressures on Premier Huong have eased for the moment.

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**CEYLONESE GOVERNMENT FALLS**

The loss of a vote of confidence climaxed a period of mounting dissatisfaction over Prime Minister Bandaranaike's economic policies and alliances with Marxists. Elections are set for March.

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**CONGOLESE REBELS RECEIVE FOREIGN AID**

Radical African states are sending in some arms, and, if they send troops as well, the rebels could regain the initiative from the Congolese Government.

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**SUDAN'S RACIAL PROBLEM FLARES ANEW**

Rioting in Khartoum involving Negroid southerners has frightened the month-old civilian regime. The Communists may see advantage in further inflaming racial tensions.

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**RADICAL BRAZZAVILLE REGIME STIFLING DOMESTIC OPPOSITION**

The government is encouraging a campaign of violence against elements opposed to its rapid progress to the left.

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**SECRET**ASIA-AFRICA (continued)PageYEMENI ARMISTICE NEGOTIATIONS FOUNDERING

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Scheduled truce talks have been postponed indefinitely, and squabbling among various Yemeni factions is increasing despite Egypt's and Saudi Arabia's evident desire for peace.

EUROPENEW PROPOSALS FOR TALKS ON EUROPEAN POLITICAL UNION

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Although these plans strongly endorse economic integration, they only hint at a federated Europe and make major concessions to De Gaulle's views on political cooperation.

ITALIAN PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION

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The process of electing a successor to President Segni, who resigned on 6 December, seems certain to increase strains on the center-left coalition and give the Communists a new focus for their efforts to break it up.

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WESTERN HEMISPHEREOUSTER OF CUBAN LABOR MINISTER

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Martinez Sanchez was the logical whipping boy for the low labor productivity now plaguing the regime, and his removal may have been only indirectly related to the current rumors of tensions within the Cuban leadership.

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MEXICO'S NEW GOVERNMENT

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Newly inaugurated President Diaz Ordaz is likely to be less preoccupied than his predecessor with paying lip service to old shibboleths and more determined to find the best--not necessarily the revolutionary--means of solving problems caused by Mexico's uneven economic development.

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(21) BOLIVIAN JUNTA SETS ELECTION DATE

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Political activity now confined primarily to smoke-filled rooms will soon move into the open. Lawlessness still prevails in many areas of the country.

(22) REACTION TO PERON'S ATTEMPTED RETURN TO ARGENTINA

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The Peronists who sought Peron's return may now turn to subversive methods, while the neo-Peronists--those who advocate Peronism without Peron--will probably find more public and official sympathy for their efforts to return to politics by legal means.

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